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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: 20 September Judiciary Committee consideration of Bicycle Safety legislation

TO: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting 20 September 2016 at 3:00 pm.

RE: SB 1076 (O'Brien) Traffic control; traffic regulation; requirement for operator of a motor vehicle to maintain a 5-foot distance when passing a bicyclist; establish.

SB 1077 (Knezek) Traffic control; traffic regulation; requirement for operator of a motor vehicle to maintain a 5-foot distance when passing bicyclists; establish.

SB 1078 (O'Brien) Vehicles; driver training; training component for drivers regarding safety for bicyclists on the road; require at least 3 hours of instruction time.

I am gratified that the committee is taking under consideration this important legislation. I urge your careful consideration and approval.

I have been involved in transportation issues as a citizen advocate for more than a decade and have seen our state make real progress towards creation of a more balanced transportation system that meets the mobility needs of all our people regardless of age, income level, and physical ability.

Particularly encouraging is the increasing interest among the public and decision makers in active transportation. Not only does this impact personal health, but it has implications as well for the health of our environment and the livability of our communities.

I am elated to see inclusion of the driver training component in this package. It is absolutely essential that drivers understand that they share the roads with bicyclists (and pedestrians) and that they become keenly aware of the safety issues involved.

Thank you for your consideration,

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